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Developing human resources for development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 44/213 of 22 December 1989, 45/191 of 21 December 1990 and 46/143 of 17 December 1991, on developing human resources for development, as well as its resolutions S-18/3 of 1 May 1990 and 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling its resolutions 40/179 of 17 December 1985 and 44/234 of 22 December 1989,

Reaffirming that people are central to all development activities and that human resources development is an essential means of achieving sustainable development goals,

Recognizing that the concept of human resources development specifically refers to the human component of economic, social and development activities,

Emphasizing that human resources development should contribute to total human development and that there is therefore a need to integrate human resources development into comprehensive strategies for human development,

Stressing the need for providing adequate resources to enhance the capacity of Governments in developing countries to promote human resources development in pursuit of their national programmes, plans and strategies for development,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

Recognizing that, while stabilization and structural adjustment programmes are intended to promote economic growth and development, elements of such programmes may have an adverse impact on human resources development, and recognizing the need to take action to mitigate those negative effects,

Stressing that a favourable international economic environment is critical to enhancing human resources development for the promotion of economic growth and development in developing countries,

Emphasizing the importance of international cooperation in supporting national efforts in human resources development in developing countries and the integral roles of North-South and South-South cooperation in this regard,

Emphasizing further the need for organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to give priority to human resources development and to approach the relevant activities in a coordinated and integrated manner,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on developing human resources for development; 1/

2. Emphasizes that in the development of human resources an overall, well-conceived and integrated approach should be adopted, taking into account such vital areas as population, health, nutrition, water, sanitation, housing, communications, education and training, and science and technology, as well as the need to create more opportunities for employment;

3. Emphasizes further the primary responsibility of Governments in formulating and implementing appropriate national policies to promote human resources development;

4. Stresses the need for a supportive international economic environment as regards, inter alia, external indebtedness, terms of trade, commodity prices, improved market access and trade practices, and in this connection, stresses the urgent need for a balanced and successful outcome of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, which would result in the liberalization and expansion of world trade to the benefit of all countries, in particular the developing countries;

5. Stresses the importance of international support for national efforts and regional programmes in human resources development, particularly in the area of national capacity-building, and stresses further the need to increase the flow of resources to developing countries to this end;

6. Requests the United Nations development system to strengthen the support provided by its operational activities, at the request of recipient countries, to sectors vital to human resources development;

7. Calls upon organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take appropriate steps to coordinate their activities in support of national and regional action in human resources development, in particular in

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achieving the targets agreed upon by Governments, bearing in mind the importance of maintaining a multisectoral integrated approach;

8. Also calls upon the relevant bodies to bear in mind the need for appropriate social safety nets in formulating and implementing stabilization and structural adjustment programmes in developing countries;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the activities of the United Nations system in human resources development and in this regard to submit to the General Assembly, at its fiftieth session, a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including further action taken to enhance inter-agency coordination of the United Nations system in the area of human resources development, bearing in mind the definition of human resources development contained in General Assembly resolutions 44/213, 45/191 and 46/143;

10. Invites the United Nations system to assist interested developing countries in developing their capacity to assess, including through appropriate indicators, the satisfaction of fundamental economic, social and cultural needs of their population in pursuit of human resources development, and requests the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session information on the steps taken towards this end;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account the important role of human resources development in the elaboration of an agenda for development;

12. Decides to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Human resources development".